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AFP: MARCOS TELLS CIA NOT TO ANTAGONIZE ASIAN NEIGHBORS

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(TEXT) MANILA, APRIL 6 (AFP)--PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS WAS TOLD A U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFICIAL THAT CIA OPERATIONS FROM MANILA "SHOULD NOT ANTAGONIZE" PHILIPPINE NEIGHBORS, A MANILA NEWS COLUMNIST SAID TODAY.

COLUMNIST TEODORO F. VALENCIA OF THE NEWSPAPER "DAILY EXPRESS" SAID MARCOS EXPRESSED "APPREHENSION" OVER CIA OPERATIONS FROM THE PHILIPPINES IN A MEETING RECENTLY WITH LT. GEN. VERNON WALTERS, SAID TO BE THE CIA DEPUTY CHIEF.

THE NATIONALLY KNOWN COMMENTATOR GAVE INDICATION THAT THE CIA HAD BEEN USING MANILA AS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN THE REGION SINCE THE END OF THE INDOCHINA WAR.

VALENCIA SAID MARCOS TOLD WALTERS THAT "CIA OPERATIONS FROM HEADQUARTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD NOT ANTAGONIZE OUR ASIAN NEIGHBORS."

WALTERS ON HIS PART SAID THE CIA WAS NOT OPERATING AGAINST THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, THE PRESIDENT, OR ANY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, ACCORDING TO VALENCIA.

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